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Sinclair Relieves Stevens as Port Hueneme's CO

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NAVRESCEN Port Hueneme

Lt. Cmdr. Steven R. Sinclair relieved Lt. Cmdr. Will Stevens as Commanding Officer of Naval Reserve Center Port Hueneme in a change of command ceremony Aug. 5. The guest speaker was Capt. Barry L. Morgan, Com-

mander, Naval Reserve Readiness Command, Region Nineteen.

Stevens' tenure at Port Hueneme was marked by a 25 percent increase in the number of Selected Reservists on board, more than 8,000 man-days of contributory support to the fleet, and a triennial inspection by

REDCOM Nineteen. In his remarks, Morgan praised Stevens for successfully meeting these challenges, as well as for instilling a strong customer service ethic in the Reserve Center staff. Morgan awarded Stevens his fifth Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

Reporting from the Naval Reserve Personnel Center in New Orleans, Sinclair is the fourth commanding officer of Naval Reserve Center Port Hueneme since the center was moved from Santa Barbara in 1995, and the 27th since a Reserve Center was established in Ventura county on the Oxnard plain north of Los Angeles during World War II. Sinclair previously served on board USS WADSWORTH (FFG 9) and as Navigator aboard USS MAHAN (DDG 42). Sinclair has also served as Executive Officer of Naval Reserve Readiness Center, Baltimore.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, over 200 guests and Selected Reservists were served from a buffet prepared by the center's Training Officer, Senior Chief Mess Management Specialist (Surface Warfare) Sotero Delacruz. Among the servers were the center's FY 2001 CPO selectees.



Capt. Barry L. Morgan, Commander, Naval Reserve Readiness Command, Region Nineteen, congratulates Lt. Cmdr. William Stevens on a successful tour as Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Center, Port Hueneme. (U. S. Navy Photo by YN1 Jeffery Olson)

JWID Provides Reservists With Hands-on Training Opportunity

The worldwide Joint Warrior Interoperability Demonstration (JWID) took place here last month at Camp H. M. Smith Hawaii, giving Reserve and active duty personnel 18 days of hands-on practice in fighting a real world scenario using the latest technology.

The purpose of JWID was to test new technologies for possible use by the military to better manage the battle area. The Camp Smith demonstration was one of several held worldwide. Overall, three CINCs, all four services, various government agencies and 10 coalition countries participated.

JWID is an annual demonstration run by a different military service every two years. It consists of a Theme Year (2000) and an Exploitation Year (2001). In the Theme Year, highlighted by the July demonstration, technologies from commercial companies and government programs were reviewed and tested by military forces from several different countries. The new technologies had to meet or exceed the goals set by the military to be selected for additional assessment and evaluation in the 2001 Exploitation Year.

This year's demonstration featured military space technologies. The project introduced off the shelf, new and evolving technologies that addressed command and control, communications, computer, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance

(C4ISR) interoperability issues for joint and combined warfighters.

The demonstration made full use of the Naval Reserve's ability to provide support to their active duty counterparts. About 40 Naval Reservists integrated with U.S. Pacific Command personnel during the three-week exercise. They served in a wide range of roles, from serving as the combined task force element commander to providing administrative and technical support. They worked alongside active duty personnel as well as civilian contractors who presented their systems for evaluation. Reserve personnel operated the majority of the new technology demonstrations. Their recommendations concerning the new systems will be incorporated into the overall assessment, which will determine which technologies will be used by the Commanders-in-Chief of the unified commands and military services.

JWID provided an excellent training opportunity for Reserve personnel to contribute to an important evaluation and gain practical knowledge of command and control issues in a joint/combined operation. The JWID experience is an interesting and challenging AT, offering Reserve personnel the opportunity to work alongside their active duty counterparts and service members from other countries to help identify the systems the U.S. and her allies will use to fight the battles of the 21st century.

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San Diego Retention Incentives Flourish

By YN2 Adrien Clark,
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Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center, San Diego is maximizing the Naval Reserve Force Incentive Program Bonus allocations. The primary goal of the Incentive Bonus Program (i.e., Naval Reserve Prior Service Enlistment Bonuses, Naval Reserve Reenlistment/Extension Bonuses, and Naval Reserve Affiliation Bonuses) is to fill and maintain those ratings and Navy Enlisted Classifications (NEC's) which are undermanned. As the largest and most diverse Reserve center in the nation, San Diego is responsible for over 2,000 enlisted personnel and the task of manning those hard to fill ratings. On a broader scope, it is the Naval Reserve Force's intent to attract and retain quality personnel who qualify for training in critical skills and/or critical units.

Senior Chief Engineman (Surface Warfare) William Blake recently succeeded Chief Engineman (Surface Warfare) James Baillargeon, who was recognized this past spring as having set a national Incentive Bonus Program record. Through Baillargeon's initiative, over \$850,000.00 have been allocated to San Diego Selected Reservists. Blake has been Command Career Counselor for Reserve Center, San Diego approximately three months and extends this bonus allocation to large units such as Naval Reserve Naval Medical Center, San Diego, where more than 15 Hospital Corpsmen alone have been processed for Incentives Bonuses. Blake feels the Incentive



*ENCS(SW) William Blake presents a bonus check to PC3 Tisha Williams.
(U. S. Navy Photo by YN2 Adrien Clark)*

Program is a major retention factor for those enlisted rates that are eligible. Incentive Bonuses permit the Naval Reserve Force to keep critical ratings manned while allowing enlisted personnel in paygrades E4 through E6 to financially benefit from what the incentive program has to offer. Year-to-Date, of the 57 San Diego Reservists who have received Incentive Bonuses, 80 percent of them are at the E4 paygrade.

To obtain a bonus, qualified Selected Reservists must incur a 3 or 6 year obligation. All members must maintain satisfactory drill participation and remain in the critical rating or NEC for which the bonus was awarded. Despite the requirements attached to the Incentive Bonus Program, over 266 Reservists have made the commitment to uphold the manning goals set by

COMNAVRESFOR, and at the same time, have benefited from this great program. A recent survey conducted by Reserve Center San Diego has discovered that Region Nineteen Reserve Centers in a combined effort have allocated over \$1,429,240.00 incentive bonus dollars to the enlisted Selected Reserve community.

Please visit your Command Career counselor to see if you are eligible to participate in the Enlisted Naval Selected Reserve (SELRES) Incentive Program. You may view or download the most recent ALNAVRESFOR messages and/or view your application status from the Commander, Naval Reserve Force Incentive web page at WWW.NAVRES.MIL/NAVRESFOR. Questions may be addressed by calling DSN 678-4246/4051/6144 or (504) 678-4246/4051/6144.

NECAP Class 2000050 Ready for the Field



Members of Field Medical Service School, Graduating Class 2000050 collect copies of their endorsed orders. (U. S. Navy Photo by JO1 Mike Kramer)

By JO1 Mike Kramer

On July 26, 116 Naval Reserve Hospital Corpsmen and Dental Technicians formed up for a graduation ceremony at Field Medical Service School, Camp Pendleton, Calif. It was undoubtedly a refreshing change from the field exercises they had been mustering for during the previous two-and-a-half weeks.

Field Medical Service School Graduating Class 2000050 included 17 Hospital Corpsmen from units assigned to Naval Reserve Readiness Command, Region Nineteen. Through the Navy Enlisted Classification Attainment Program (NECAP), the Navy's newest "Devil Docs" have earned the 8404 NEC. Dental Technicians in Class 2000050 have earned the 8707 NEC.

Graduates of the Field Medical Service School can be

assigned to Marine Corps or Seabee units or can deploy aboard ships. Their new versatility makes these service members more deployable. Being more deployable makes them more promotable.

The NECAP program consists of a 10-day Inactive Duty Training for Travel, followed by a 17-day Annual Training period. The students are trained to understand Marine Corps organization, treat disease, prevent injury or illness, stabilize trauma and survive in combat. Since lives can depend on their knowledge of the material, academic standards are more exacting than they would be in most schools. They are required to maintain a minimum average of 80 percent. Their physical routine includes a grueling regimen of two to three-mile runs,

sit-ups, push-ups, pull-ups, forced marches, and field exercises designed to test their newly acquired skills.

"Thousands of young men and women have preceded you in the years past," said Capt. J. T. Coyne, Field Medical Service School Camp Pendleton's Commanding Officer in a congratulatory message. "They served their Marines with care and distinction. All of them served with honor."

"You trained in conditions inherent to the life of the infantryman: the cold of night, the heat of day, the weight of your pack and the grueling pace of a forced march," Coyne added. "You were challenged by performing medical procedures in the bush, and under the stars. You learned the value of strict military discipline, unit cohesion, and teamwork."

Field Medical Service School was founded at the beginning of the Korean War. For all practical purposes, training of hospital corpsmen for duty with the Fleet Marine Force had ceased after the end of World War II.

The first class convened on Sept. 5, 1950 and consisted of 80 corpsmen who had been recalled to active duty with Marine Corps units. In January, 1951, the school was designated as the Field Medical Training Battalion, Training and Replacement Command. In July of 1955, the Secretary of the Navy designated Field Medical Service School as a Naval Shore Establishment Command under the management and control of the Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton. The course of instruction was finally designated as a Marine Corps formal school in April, 1963.

Port Hueneme Unit Assists at Ironman Competition

**By Lt. Cmdr. Jerry Lemoine
NR NAVHOSP CPEND 819,
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Reservists from Naval Reserve Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton Detachment 819 recently provided invaluable medical support to the annual Ironman Competition at Del Mar Beach, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Arriving at 7 a. m. on Event Day, over 20 unit members worked in three shifts to ensure medical coverage at a main medical tent, various aid stations throughout the course, and aboard roving medical vans staffed with physicians, corpsmen and a wide array of emergency supplies.

The main medical tent functioned as a large urgent care clinic for the most serious injuries. Competitors suffering from hypothermia, road rash, fractures, and various muscle strains typically arrived at the main tent after being treated at an outlying aid station. Numerous other patients, though less seriously injured, also required warming measures, IV fluids, and oxygen. One patient was brought in after being pulled from the ocean and was treated for aspirating sea water and a dangerously low body temperature. After receiving first aid to prevent shock, he was eventually transported to a trauma unit at a civilian hospital.

NR NAVHOSP CPEND 819 nurses and corpsmen

were also assigned to medical aid stations located throughout Camp Pendleton. The mission of these aid stations was to provide immediate first aid and resuscitation to Ironman competitors.

In addition, unit members were assigned to educate and assist Marines who were passing out water, Gatorade, and nutritional food products. Due to a lack of physician resources at the aid stations, corpsmen were required to improvise and treat injuries with a limited amount of supplies. These injuries included: dehydration requiring fluid intake orally and intravenously; severe abdominal and extremity cramping; and treatment for soft tissue

injuries due to falls. Logistical and transportation problems, as well as increasing casualties in the later stages of the competition, caused a majority of unit members to work well into the night at their stations to provide much needed aid to Ironman competitors.

Four medical vans staffed with a physician, a nurse and two medical corpsmen patrolled the bike route dispensing emergency first aid and transporting more seriously injured casualties back to the main medical tent. These vans were used as a communications link between the main medical tent and aid stations to ensure that proper levels of patient care were maintained.



Tucson Unit Members Are Dressed to Serve

**By HM2 Kim Graminski
NR NAVHOSP Camp**

Pendleton 619, Tucson

Local public servants are taking the time to serve their country.

Firefighters, EMT's and police officers from the Tucson area have joined Naval Reserve Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton Detachment 619 to serve their country as well as their community.

Lt. Cmdr. Sanford Levy, Hospital Corpsman Second Class Andrew Pashos, Hospital Corpsman First Class Michael Gonzalez,

Hospital Corpsman Second Class Patrick Bunker, Hospital Corpsman Third Class Mary Kehl, Dental Technician Third Class Rosemary Cook and Hospital Corpsman Third Class Eduardo Mendoza are among the many individuals who bring their experience and expertise to the medical unit of Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center Tucson.

They provide instruction in CPR, first aid, field medical treatment, and gun safety. They also add to unit morale with their team spirit

and enthusiasm for maintaining high standards of physical readiness. Capt. Ann Laborde, Naval Reserve Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton Officer-in-Charge, commented that, "Their energetic work ethic has really helped promote a team-oriented focus on drill weekends."

Along with the rest of the medical unit they help to provide valuable medical support to all Reserve center personnel. These individuals are never "out of uniform" and take pride in serving both country and community.

Perspective CHINFO Addresses Public Affairs Community



Capt. Steve Pietropaoli acknowledges an unscheduled helicopter fly-by. Pietropaoli, a Rear Admiral selectee and the prospective Chief of Information, was the guest of honor at a Public Affairs professional development breakfast held Aug. 4 at the 19th Hole restaurant at Naval Air Station, North Island, Calif. Approximately 60 active duty, Naval Reserve, and DoD civilian public affairs professionals had an opportunity to meet the prospective CHINFO during the event.

"I'm particularly pleased to see so many enlisted folks and civilians because I don't think we get enough cross-fertilization between our enlisted public affairs specialists and our officers," Pietropaoli commented. (U.S. Navy Photo by JO1 Mike Kramer)

Sailor's dream cooks up more than chow

By **EN2 Ana Siguenza**
NAVRESCEN Fresno

When you think of a Navy chow hall the first thing that may come to your mind is a Mess deck hand slopping a ladle of canned chipped beef into your cold metal tray. You might have walked away thinking there wasn't much thought put into the preparation or appearance of the food. And of course the delivery of the food is just as important in making the dish appetizing.

In steps MS2 Sutee Vatanathum. He owns one of Fresno's most popular Thai restaurants. When he became a naturalized citizen he not only decided he wanted to become part of the American dream, he also concluded that the best way to make a contribution to his new home was to join its military ranks through the U.S. Navy.

Getting into the rate of Mess Specialist, he brings his many years of cooking experience and his love of food to the galley in Lemoore. He doesn't just provide training, supervision and morale to his team of Messmen and women; he gets to do what he loves-- please the customer. His presentation of what he cooks is very important to him and he ensures that when he's on the line at the dining facility, the food is excellent.

Vatanathum is the Leading Petty Officer in Lemoore's galley. He, along with his team, serves over 900 meals per day during the course of a drill weekend.

He is also very conscious of the appearance and cleanliness of the dining facility, which he likens to his own business. They are important and essential elements to the success of any gastronomic endeavor. His hard work ethic contributes to the quality of life for the men and women who work on our nation's fighter aircraft.

Vatanathum is also responsible for training his team in the checking-in of members into the billeting at the Bachelors Officer's Quarters. His infectious courtest and respect for individuals both speak volumes of how humility has worked in his life.

Vatanathum not only provides culinary delights to our ranks; he also recently accepted

the challenge of the Defense Language proficiency test. After successfully passing the exam, his fluency was used when he was selected to be a group translator for the CARAT Task Group and Royal Thai military leaders. "This assignment was in support of CARAT-WESTPAC 1999, and I consider it the highlight of my naval career," said Vatanathum.

Vatanathum, who is a naturalized citizen and whose native home is Thailand, did such a commendable job in last year's exercise that he was asked to, again, participate as a group translator in Sattahip, Thailand in July 2000.

Vatanathum feels at home in the kitchen but makes no bones of his success in cultivating his interpreter skills, to help two nations build stronger ties as he continues to contribute to the Navy.



MS2 Sutee Vatanathum

Bravo Zulu

Meritorious Service Medal

Capt. Christopher Madigan, REDCOM Nineteen

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Lt. Cmdr. William L. Stevens, NAVRESCEN
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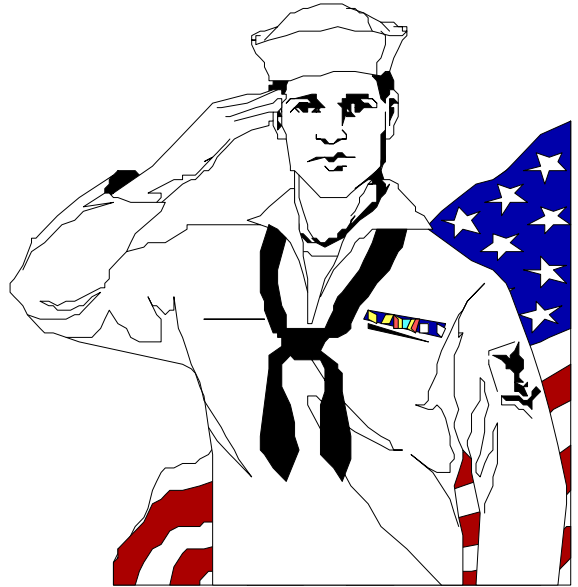
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